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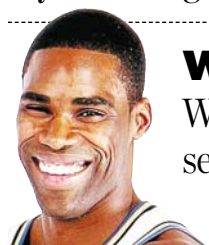
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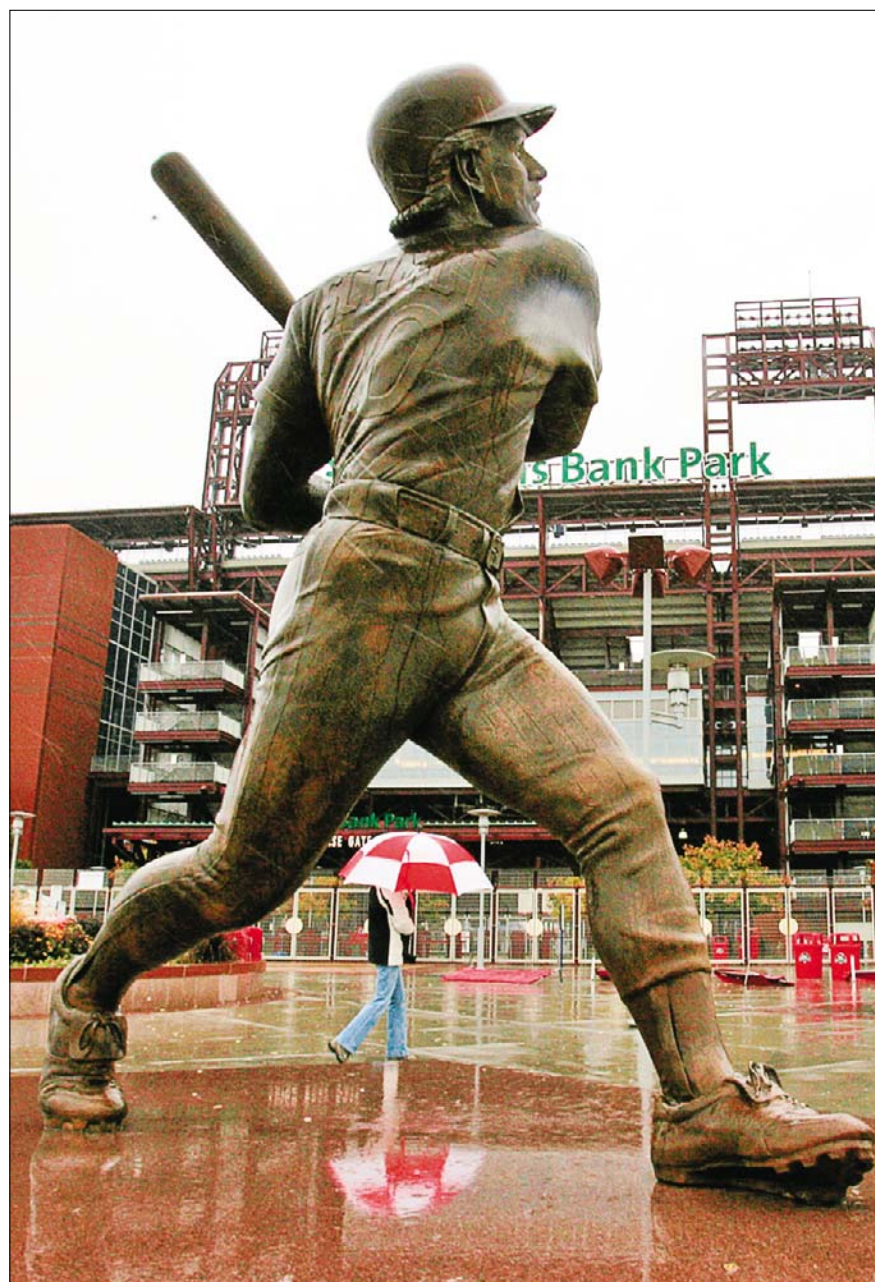
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Sarah Vowell takes a clever tone in her history book on Puritans. Also, why funny won't win you an Oscar.

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Mother Nature Stalls World Series

RAIN DELAY: A passerby takes shelter under an umbrella behind a statue of Phillies legend Mike Schmidt in Philadelphia on Tuesday. The wet weather forced Major League Baseball officials to delay the end of Game 5 of the World Series until at least Wednesday night. The game was tied 2-2 in the sixth inning Monday when it was first postponed. ♦ **The calm:** Teams ride out storm | **Page 15**

Volatile Markets Skyrocket

Nearly 900-point gain offset by low consumer confidence

Wall Street's best day in weeks — and one of its best ever — was a joyless rally.

Even a manic, final-hour stampede of buying that sent the Dow Jones industrials soaring almost 900 points did nothing to dispel the feeling that the market could turn on investors in an instant.

But the extraordinary, lurching volatility that has gripped Wall Street since the financial meltdown began in mid-September meant there were no guarantees the rally would hold, not even for a few days.

Investors are expecting a cut in interest rates when the Federal Reserve announces its decision on Wednesday.

But they're also staring into an economic abyss, bracing for a recession of a depth no one knows for sure.

The Conference Board's consumer confidence index plunged to the lowest level in its 41-year history in the wake of this month's financial meltdown, the sharp drop in home prices and increasing job losses.

The index fell to 38, down from a September reading of about 61 — the third-steepest monthly decline since the board started the measure in 1967. Analysts, way off the mark, had expected 52. (AP)

NO CONFIDENCE

The ugly numbers:

→ **6.1:** The unemployment rate last month; companies cut 760,000 jobs through September.

→ **\$2.5B:** The expected drop in holiday retail sales, according to S&P this week.



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CRAZY CRIMINALS

His Cell Door Will Be Left Unlocked, Too

The Dutch Supreme Court has rejected the appeal of a bicycle thief who stole a decoy bike planted by police. Lawyers for the convicted thief — a repeat offender who was sentenced to 22 days in jail — had argued that leaving the bike unlocked amounted to entrapment. But the five-judge court has rejected that, saying the man wasn't personally targeted. Police arrested him in Deventer in March 2006 after he took a bike they left near a train station that was being plagued by thefts. Tuesday's ruling said placing an unlocked decoy bike didn't make the suspect do anything he had not intended to do beforehand. (AP)



CRAZY CRIMINALS II

He Was Borrowing!

Police have charged a 37-year-old San Francisco hairstylist with stealing a Lexus SUV he drove to court the day a jury was to decide whether to convict him in a separate auto theft case. The man was arraigned Monday on charges of receiving a stolen vehicle and receiving stolen property after police saw him approach the stolen Lexus in front of the courthouse with its keys in hand.

Police were attracted to the SUV after noticing several Yorkshire terriers mulling around it. The man was also charged with animal cruelty. Meanwhile, he was also convicted in the other case, in which he was charged with possession of a \$125,000 Porsche Carrera that had been stolen from a San Anselmo home. (AP)



JERRY LARSON/THE TRIBUNE-HERALD/AP

JOE THE ORNAMENT PAINTER

Santa's Day Off

We certainly hope Santa Claus dresses like this in his off time. But this isn't St. Nick — it's Robert Cervantez (an alias?), securing a giant Christmas ornament to his truck after it rolled off on the way to his store in Waco, Texas. Cervantez was going to repaint the ornaments and return them to their home at a mall in Austin. Apparently, this mall doesn't decorate for Thanksgiving, or perhaps Cervantez has a strict "no giant turkeys" policy when it comes to painting decorations. (EXPRESS)

DEATH ROCK

King of His Casket

The owners of Endsley Funeral Home in Bartonville, Ill., wanted to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the business by

putting a little "fun" into "funeral." So, for the open house Saturday, they put a replica of Elvis Presley's 650-pound casket on display and hired Elvis impersonator Dave Stovall to dance around it and sing a few of the King's most

famous songs. Stovall said he was so impressed by the casket he wanted to lie down in it for a while. Embalmer Stephanie Van Oppen said the staff wanted people to enjoy themselves at the funeral home for once. (AP)

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CHILDISH MISTAKES: All is forgiven for more than 50,000 children who use the Boston Public Library. The library will waive all the fines and lost book charges rung up by children on Saturday in an effort to encourage children to use the library as a homework resource.

Nation

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IRAN

Sarkozy Denies Report

The French Embassy in Washington on Tuesday quickly denied a report in Haaretz, a respected Israeli newspaper, that French President Nicolas Sarkozy was critical of Sen. Barack Obama's positions on Iran, believing them to be "utterly immature."

According to Haaretz, Sarkozy told Obama when they met in July that it would be a problem if Obama changed U.S. policy and began direct talks with



Sarkozy

Iran without any preconditions. The newspaper said the French president feared that Obama might ignore other members of a six-nation coalition that has sought to pressure Iran to halt its uranium-enrichment program by demanding that it suspend enrichment before any substantive talks could begin on a package of economic and diplomatic incentives.

The French Embassy statement chose not to address this aspect of the Haaretz story but instead issued a broad denial: "The remarks attributed by the newspaper Haaretz to the president of the French Republic concerning Senator Obama's positions on Iran are groundless." GLENN KESSLER

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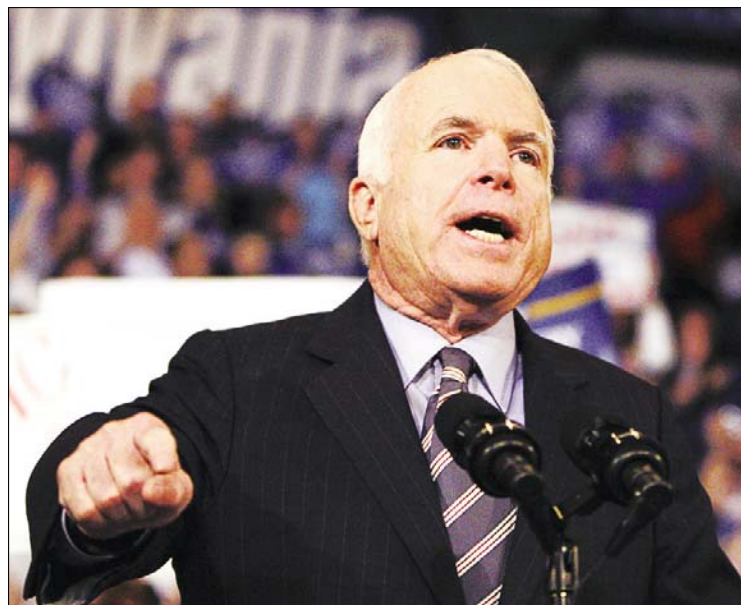
McCain: 'Nothing Is Inevitable Here'

Advisers say senator is convinced he can still stage an upset Nov. 4

HERSHEY, PA. | Sen. John McCain repeatedly implores backers to "stand up and fight" these days, showing gritty determination even as many indicators point to a Sen. Barack Obama victory and Republicans engage in fingerpointing typical of losing campaigns.

"Nothing is inevitable here. We never give up. And we never quit," McCain said.

A week before Election Day, the Republican is an enthusiastic underdog with what advisers say is a deep personal belief that he still has a chance to stage an upset. He has come back from the brink politically and personally before, and they say, he's resolved to do so again despite steep challenges.



Sen. John McCain speaks at a rally Tuesday at the Giant Center in Hershey, Pa. McCain has pinned his presidential hopes on a comeback win in Pennsylvania.

In the homestretch, he tells people to ignore the pundits who project an Obama triumph and

the polls that favor the Democrat. He scorns Obama's confident air in the waning days as a premature

"victory lap." He says the country deserves "someone who will fight till the end." And, he says a GOP victory is within reach.

Some GOP pessimists have suggested he follow the example of Bob Dole, who, once he fell well behind Democrat Bill Clinton in 1996, shifted his campaign from states with the tightest presidential races to those where his appearance could most help Republican candidates for lesser offices. But McCain has steadfastly focused on the closest presidential battleground states.

At a rally Monday night in Pottsville, Pa., several thousand people in a school district field house roared in approval when McCain and his wife, Cindy, entered to the theme song from the "Rocky" movies.

At one point, he said, "If I'm elected," and then quickly corrected himself, saying, "WHEN I'm elected president." The crowd went wild.

LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

Study: Cold Germs Can Live for Days

Researchers find virus on TV remotes, faucets in sick people's homes

WASHINGTON | Does someone in your house have the sniffles? Watch out for the refrigerator door handle. The TV remote, too. A new U.S. study finds that cold sufferers often leave their germs there, where they can

WATCH OUT

→ In infected homes, researchers found the cold virus on six out of 18 doorknobs; eight of 14 refrigerator handles; three of 13 light switches; six of 10 remote controls; eight of 10 bathroom faucets; four of seven telephones, and three of four dishwasher handles.

live for two days or longer.

Scientists at the University of Virginia tested surfaces in the homes of people with colds and reported the results Tuesday at a conference on infectious diseases.

Doctors do not know how often people catch colds from touching germier surfaces as opposed to, say, shaking a sick person's hand, said Dr. Birgit Winther, an ear, nose and

throat specialist.

Researchers began with 30 adults with early cold symptoms. Sixteen tested positive for rhinovirus, which causes about half of all colds. They were asked to name 10 places in their homes they had touched in the preceding 18 hours.

"We found that commonly touched areas like refrigerator doors and handles were positive about 40 percent of the time" for cold germs, Winther said.

MARILYNN MARCHIONE (AP)

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"This is not a political decision. It's a people decision." — **Fla. Gov. Charlie Crist**, after signing an executive order on Tuesday extending early voting hours in his state.

Former Mayor Sentenced

Detroit politician heads off to jail for 4 months for lying under oath

DETROIT | Kwame Kilpatrick was sent off to jail for four months on Tuesday for his part in a sex-and-text scandal and was given a tongue-lashing by the judge, who chastised the disgraced ex-mayor for his arrogance and disregard for the rule of law.

The sentencing before Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner served as the finale to the scandal that destroyed Kilpatrick's reign at City Hall and threw local government into disarray for months.

"At a time when this city needed transparency, accountability and responsibility, you exhibited hubris and privilege at the expense of the



Ex-Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick reacts during his sentencing Tuesday.

city," said Groner, who ordered the sentence during a lengthy afternoon hearing.

He ruled that Kilpatrick not be given an opportunity for early release.

But county sheriff's spokesman John Roach said in a statement

shortly after the sentence that Groner didn't have the standing to order that Kilpatrick not receive time off for good behavior.

County prosecutor Kym Worthy sided with the sheriff's interpretation, saying during a news conference after the sentencing that Kilpatrick is eligible to receive early release for good behavior.

She predicted he would not serve the full 120 days if he behaves well behind bars.

Kilpatrick, 38, pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice, admitting he lied about an affair with his chief of staff while testifying in a civil lawsuit in 2007.

Kilpatrick did not take an opportunity to address the court Tuesday, saying simply, "No, I don't, your honor," when asked whether he wished to speak. (AP)



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RELATIVE TROUBLE: A Florida teen has been sentenced to 18 months in juvenile detention for coaxing his senile grandmother into holding a gun and threatening to shoot "all the pigs" in a homemade rap video. His family has said the case was a misunderstanding.

Nation

Republicans Ask Stevens to Resign

McCain, Palin urge convicted lawmaker to give up Senate seat

WASHINGTON | A growing chorus of Republicans on Tuesday called for Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens to resign from a seat he's held for four decades after his conviction on seven felony charges.

But with the party bracing for losses in the upcoming election, many hope Stevens will first win re-election next Tuesday and then resign to give Republicans a chance to fill the seat with a fresh GOP face.

Stevens, 84, was convicted Monday of lying about gifts he received from an oil contractor. Stevens is running for re-election despite the conviction.



Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, was convicted Monday of lying about gifts he received from an oil contractor. Stevens is running for re-election despite the conviction.

down just a week before Election Day, too late for Republicans to put someone new on the ballot against

Democrat Mark Begich.

Nevertheless, Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain,

“Senator Stevens has broken his trust with the people.”

SEN. JOHN MCCAIN

and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell urged their Senate colleague to resign.

“It is clear that Senator Stevens has broken his trust with the people and that he should now step down,” McCain said.

That comment beat Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama's call for Stevens' resignation. And for a while it put McCain at odds with his running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin.

Palin, who has campaigned on a record of standing up to corruption, stopped short of issuing such a call on Monday. After McCain's comments, Palin issued a new statement, saying there was a cloud over Stevens' seat.

“Even if elected on Tuesday, Senator Stevens should step aside to allow a special election to give Alaskans a real choice of who will serve them in Congress,” Palin said.

That Stevens has a chance of winning Tuesday is a testament to his storied political career, which dates back to before Alaska's statehood. If he wins and then steps down, a special election would be held to replace him.

Stevens has given no indication he's even considering resigning. His spokesman did not return messages seeking comment Tuesday. Instead, Stevens released news that the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission and a retired Air Force officer had endorsed him. **MATT APUZZO (AP)**

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World



TOILET TROUBLES: Japan's disaster prevention panel said 810,000 people would be unable to find a toilet within hours of a major earthquake if one were to hit Tokyo on a weekday. The panel studied a simulation of a magnitude-7.3 quake to make that prediction.

Iraqi Found Guilty for 3 U.S. Deaths

Militant is sentenced to death by hanging for killing soldiers in 2006

BAGHDAD | An Iraqi militant accused of killing three American soldiers in a grisly checkpoint ambush was convicted Tuesday and sentenced to death by hanging. Two other men accused in the 2006 deaths were acquitted.

The killing of the three 101st Airborne Division soldiers was one of the most brazen attacks against

U.S. forces since the Iraq war began in 2003.

The case marked the first time an Iraqi investigative judge sent a case involving an Iraqi killing specific Americans to trial.

The soldiers were ambushed June 16, 2006, while at an isolated checkpoint near the Euphrates River, at a time of particularly intense fighting in predominantly Sunni areas just south of Baghdad.

One soldier was found dead at the site of the checkpoint. The two other soldiers were kidnapped, sparking a

massive search by the military. Their mutilated bodies were found three days later at a nearby power station, tied together and booby-trapped with roadside bombs.

An al-Qaeda linked group later posted a Web video showing the bodies of the two soldiers being dragged behind a truck, then set on fire.

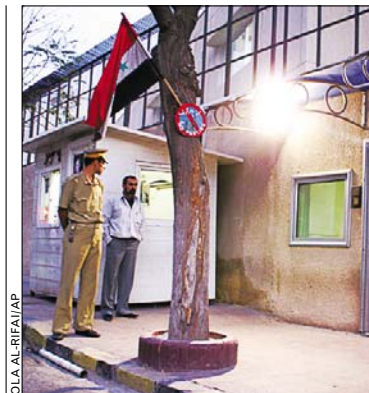
The evidence against the three included fingerprints collected from the truck, which was later found abandoned, along with written testimony from villagers who saw the bodies being dragged, according to

U.S. military investigators.

Ibrahim al-Qaraghuli, a 29-year-old farmer, was convicted in the deaths of David J. Babineau, 25, of Springfield, Mass.; Pfc. Kristian Menchaca, 23, of Houston; and Pfc. Thomas Tucker, 25, of Madras, Ore.

The other two Iraqis on trial — Walid al-Kartani and Kazim al-Zubaie — were acquitted for lack of sufficient evidence, but it was not immediately clear whether they would be released from custody.

SAMEER N. YACCOUB (AP)



Syrian police guard an American school that was closed on Tuesday.

Iraqis Request More Talks Over U.S. Troops Deal

BAGHDAD | Iraq's government decided Tuesday to formally ask the United States to reopen negotiations on a proposed deal to keep American troops here past the end of the year. The U.S. suggested it may not be ready to offer more concessions.

That cast doubt on whether the deal can win parliamentary approval by the end of 2008, when the U.N. mandate expires — and with it the legal basis for the U.S. military to operate in Iraq.

The U.S. has warned that without an agreement, military operations would cease, including combat operations, infrastructure projects and aid to Iraq's government.

Iraqi government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the decision to ask for more talks was taken after Cabinet members submitted amendments to the draft. (AP)

ROME | VOICES OF DISSENT



STUDY IN SELF-EXPRESSION: Students shout during a demonstration in front of the Italian Senate building to protest against the government's plans for education reforms, which include deep budget cuts, in Rome, Italy, on Tuesday.

Syria Shuts U.S. School In Capital

American cultural center is also closed in response to U.S. raid

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | The Syrian government ordered an American school and a U.S. cultural center in Damascus closed Tuesday in response to a deadly U.S. attack on a village near the Iraq border, the state-run news agency said.

U.S. officials said the raid killed a top operative of al-Qaeda in Iraq who intelligence suggested was about to conduct an attack in Iraq, but Syria and the Iraqi government criticized the raid.

Outside the Damascus Community School, known popularly as the "American School," in the upscale Maliki neighborhood, activities seemed normal. Several students and a foreign teacher said they were not aware of the closure order. There was no sign of extraordinary security, with the normal contingent of policemen standing guard near the gate.

The school and the cultural center, which is linked to the U.S. Embassy, cater to the small American community in the Syrian capital and other foreign residents.

Syria's government was reacting to an attack by U.S. troops that killed eight people Sunday in a building inside Syria, near the border with Iraq. The Cabinet condemned the raid Tuesday, calling it a "barbaric" act. ALBERT AJI (AP)

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"We must act now. We must set up the fund as quickly as possible."

—GORDON BROWN, BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, ON TUESDAY, URGING COUNTRIES WITH LARGE CURRENCY RESERVES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND'S BAILOUT POT. HE SAID CHINA AND OIL-RICH PERSIAN GULF STATES SHOULD GIVE THE MOST MONEY.

Reports: N. Korea's Kim in Command

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA | North Korea's reclusive, authoritarian leader appears well on the path to recovery from a stroke and in firm command of the communist country, the chief of South Korea's spy agency said Tuesday. But Japan's prime minister says Kim Jong Il likely is issuing his orders from a hospital bed.

Kim, 66, disappeared from pub-

lic sight in August. South Korean and U.S. officials said he suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery, but North Korea has strenuously denied there is anything wrong with the man who is the subject of a cult of personality in the North.

Japanese Prime Minister Taro Aso told lawmakers in Tokyo on Tuesday that his government had information that Kim likely remains

hospitalized. "His condition is not so good. However, I don't think he is totally incapable of making decisions," Aso said.



Kim

The head of South Korea's National Intelligence Service, Kim Sung-ho, told lawmakers the North Korean leader is "not physically perfect." (AP)



SLIM SLIGHT: Vietnam's Ministry of Health is considering banning from roads motorbike drivers whose chests measure less than 28 inches, in a plan to ensure drivers are healthy.

World



Congolese soldiers and United Nations peacekeepers withdraw from Kibumba, Congo, as rebels approached on Tuesday.

Rebels Advance in Congo

Thousands of civilians flood shelter as troops, U.N. tanks retreat

KILIMANYOKA, CONGO | Rebels advanced toward Congo's eastern provincial capital of 600,000 people Tuesday, sending tens of thousands of terrified civilians into a makeshift shelter as Congolese troops and U.N. tanks retreated.

The sudden influx of an estimated 30,000 people tripled the size of the camp in Kibati in a matter of hours, said Ron Redmond, spokesman for the United Nations refugee agency.

"It's chaos up there," Redmond told The Associated Press from Geneva, citing U.N. staff in Congo. "These crowds of people coming



→ Rooted in history:

The chaos in Congo has been fueled by festering hatred from the Rwandan genocide and the country's civil wars. Renegade Gen. Laurent Nkunda has threatened to take Goma, charging that the Congolese government has not protected his Tutsi tribe from a Rwandan Hutu militia that aided the 1994 Rwandan genocide. (AP)

down from the north have already started turning up there."

A hundred refugees a day, mostly women and children, also were flee-

ing across the border into Uganda, that country's Red Cross said.

In Kibati, a few miles from the front line, men lobbed rocks Tuesday at three U.N. tanks also heading away from the battlefield.

About 45 miles away, government soldiers fired on civilians and trapped foreign aid workers trying to escape the town of Rutshuru, reported the top U.N. envoy in Congo, Alan Doss. He said peacekeepers were forced to "respond," apparently meaning they shot at the soldiers who are supposed to be their allies.

Aid agencies said their workers could hear bombs exploding as the rebels closed in, and angry and frightened civilians and soldiers blocked their evacuation by U.N. peacekeepers. MICHELLE FAUL (AP)

Sri Lankan Rebels Launch Airstrike

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | Sri Lankan rebels staged a brazen airstrike on a power station on the outskirts of Colombo late Tuesday, plunging the capital into darkness as searchlights swept across the sky and glowing anti-aircraft fire arced through the gloom.

The attack showed the Tamil Tigers can still strike even as an



Soldiers patrol after a rebel airstrike in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Tuesday.

army offensive pushes deep into the rebels' de facto state in the north. The government has vowed to destroy the rebels by the end of the year and end a civil war that has plagued the South Asian nation for a quarter century.

The rebel air assault came just hours after a pro-rebel Web site accused the Sri Lankan air force of killing three people with an airstrike on a civilian town in the north. (AP)

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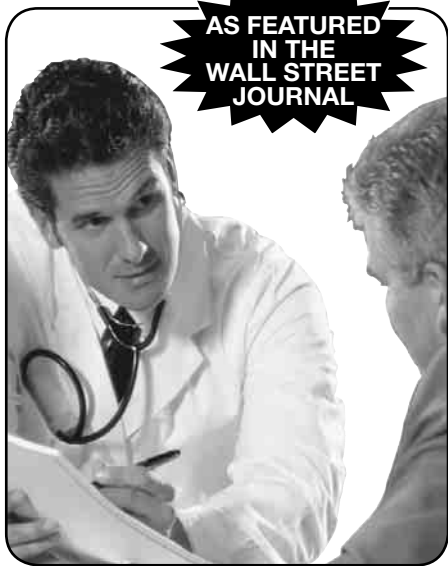
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China's Food Scare Grows

Wal-Mart pulls brand from stores after tests find melamine in eggs

BEIJING | Wal-Mart pulled a brand of eggs from all its stores in China on Tuesday after tests in Hong Kong found they were tainted with the same toxic chemical blamed for sickening tens of thousands of babies.

The discovery of melamine in eggs raises more questions about how far the chemical at the center of China's tainted milk scandal has penetrated the food chain.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said it had removed the "Select" brand of eggs produced by China's Dalian Hanwei Enterprise Group from its shelves in China. A government official in Dalian,



A shopkeeper sells chicken eggs at a market in Beijing, China, on Tuesday.

where Hanwei is located, said the company had begun a nationwide recall of the suspect eggs.

Mu Mingming, a spokeswoman for Wal-Mart, said the company was working closely with suppliers and the government. "We just want

to make sure the products on our shelves are safe," Mu said.

Hong Kong testers found melamine in the eggs at nearly two times the territory's legal limit for the chemical in food. The egg contamination has prompted Hong Kong officials to expand testing to Chinese meat imports.

Wal-Mart and Chinese officials said they did not have a figure for how many eggs had been recalled, and it was not immediately clear which countries import eggs from China. So far, no illnesses have been reported.

It remains unclear what eating melamine-tainted eggs will do to humans. But in the milk scandal, contaminated infant formula caused illness in 54,000 children and was blamed in the deaths of four babies. GILLIAN WONG (AP)

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The number of Maryland state employees who will be laid off Wednesday because of this year's budget shortfall. Gov. Martin O'Malley's administration says seven of the 40 people being laid off make more than \$100,000 annually.

Local

Kaine: Va. Ready for Election Day

Governor says state has done enough to handle high turnout

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Timothy M. Kaine and top Virginia elections officials insisted Tuesday that they have provided enough resources to accommodate expected record turnout during next week's election.

In a lawsuit filed late Monday, the Virginia NAACP accused the state of violating the U.S. and Virginia constitutions by not allocating

enough voting machines, poll workers and polling places — particularly in precincts with high minority populations — which could result in long lines and lost votes.

"This is not like yesterday's electoral board, this is an electoral board making sure every vote is counted," Kaine said on his monthly call-in show on WTOP.

State officials say the Advancement Project, a national voter protection group that filed the lawsuit on the NAACP's behalf, was using outdated information.

"Virginia is in far better shape than a lot of other states," said Jean Cunningham, chairman of the State Board of Elections.



Kaine

Also Tuesday, the Board of Elections voted unanimously to count disputed absentee ballots used by members of the armed forces who are serving overseas.

The decision came a day after

Attorney General Robert F. McDonnell issued an opinion saying the ballots must be counted because a federal law that governs overseas military voting trumps state law.

Last week, the Fairfax County registrar said about 100 of the federal ballots, which are used as backups to local absentee ballots by citizens abroad, did not comply with a state law that requires that they carry the signature and the address of a witness. As a result, he said he could not count them.

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Md. Keeps Graduation Requisites

Thousands of diplomas in jeopardy after school board enforces testing

BALTIMORE | The Maryland State Board of Education voted Tuesday afternoon to enforce a new high school diploma requirement that officials said leaves several thousand seniors in jeopardy of missing graduation next spring.

The board voted 7-4 to reject an effort to delay the requirement for students in the class of 2009 to achieve minimum scores on algebra, biology, government and English tests, or prove their mastery of the subjects through an alternate route.

Of roughly 50,000 students in the class who have taken the high school exit exams, 90.2 percent have met the new requirement, said Leslie Wilson, the state's assistant superintendent for accountability. About 5,000 of those students have not.

Students who fail to pass the tests have an alternative known as the "bridge plan for academic validation," which allows them to complete projects as a substitute way to demonstrate mastery of a subject. Those who have fallen short are disproportionately concentrated among minority groups.

NELSON HERNANDEZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Md. Man Arrested at White House

A Baltimore man was arrested Tuesday after he scaled the fence at the White House just as President Bush was arriving at the mansion by limousine, authorities said.

Secret Service spokesman Edwin Donovan said Kevin Peterson, 23,

who was unarmed, climbed the fence on the south side of the White House shortly after 11:30 a.m. and "was apprehended immediately."

Donovan said Peterson's motive for climbing the fence was unclear.

PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN The Washington Post | FOOD BANK PLANS TO GROW



FIRST DIG: Officials break ground on a \$36 million, 125,000-square-foot warehouse for the Capital Area Food Bank at 4900 Puerto Rico Avenue NE in Washington on Tuesday. ❖ **Excessive?** Critics say that money would be better spent tackling the root causes of hunger. | **Today's Metro section**

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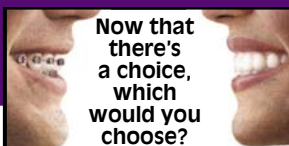
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Money



Hoyt Braselton counts change at a Fresh & Easy Market in Los Angeles. The market is part of a growing trend of smaller stores.

Grocers Test Small Stores

Neighborhood market format could supplant supersized retail shops

PORTLAND, ORE. | Grocery stores, like consumers' food budgets, are shrinking.

This month, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. opened four pilot Marketplace stores in Arizona that are half the size of a traditional supermarket.

Jewel-Osco is testing its own small-format store in Chicago known as Urban Fresh. Safeway tried out its version in Southern California. And Whole Foods has said it is scaling down the size of its new stores.

The format has worked for some

companies, such as Trader Joe's, for years. But the idea is spreading as grocers coping with rising costs find themselves pressed to find

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The median size, in thousands of square feet, of a U.S. supermarket last year, the Food Marketing Institute says.

more profitable formats. It's part of increasing competition with existing small stores and British company Tesco PLC, which launched its first small Fresh & Easy store about a year ago and now has nearly 100 in the West.

"United Airlines took out 60 percent of their capacity. Why wouldn't [grocers] limit their capacity, too?" said Bill Bishop, a food retailing

consultant at Willard Bishop Consulting.

While the companies testing out the smaller stores wouldn't release details on their performance, for grocers, the format means lower overhead costs and fewer products.

Gary London, 55, shops at the Fresh & Easy in San Diego's Point Loma neighborhood.

"These are like the old neighborhood markets of 40 years ago," he said.

And there's the "shopability" factor: Not everyone wants to choose from a wall of ketchup. Bishop estimates the small-format store can cut the average grocery trip from an average of 20 minutes to less than 10. SARAH SKIDMORE (AP)

HEARSAY | BAILOUT

"We are capable of competing at a level where these companies can succeed — they might just need a little help."

— DANA PERINO, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, SPEAKING TUESDAY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A FEDERAL BAILOUT FOR THE NATION'S STRUGGLING AUTOMAKERS.

Science Monitor Drops Daily Paper

BOSTON | The Christian Science Monitor said Tuesday it will become the first major U.S. newspaper to drop its daily print edition and focus on publishing online, succumbing to the financial pressure squeezing its industry harder than ever.

Come April, the general-interest paper — founded in 1908 and the winner of seven Pulitzer Prizes — will print only a weekend edition,

editor John Yemma announced Tuesday.

The Monitor's circulation has fallen from a peak of 230,000 in 1970 to about 50,000 now, while its online traffic has soared. The Monitor was one of the first newspapers in the United States to put content online, beginning in 1995, when correspondent David Rohde was taken prisoner in Bosnia. (AP)



'STACHE STAYS: Bobcats forward Adam Morrison has cut his hair. And this is no minor trim. His unwieldy, shaggy black mop that had become some sort of anti-fashion statement has been replaced by a short-cropped 'do. Morrison's mustache survived.

Sports

Five Burning QUESTIONS

1 More pain for the Big 3?
Gilbert Arenas is out for at least the first month, and Antawn Jamison is wearing a protective sleeve on his right knee after taking a bad spill Oct. 7. That makes Caron Butler, who missed 43 games over the last two seasons, the only fully fit member of the Wizards' all-star trio.

2 Can Blatche progress?
Wizards' 6-foot -1 forward Andray Blatche posted career highs in points (7.5 per game) and rebounds (5.2 per game) last season while filling in capably when frontcourt starters went down. Blatche voluntarily went to Las Vegas to play summer league ball. Can he transfer that work ethic into a skill set that can put 20 double-doubles on the stat sheet this season?

3 Where's the muscle?
Center Brendan Haywood (10.6 ppg, 7.2 rpg) improved a lot last season but will miss the first half of this season with a torn ligament in his right wrist. That means Etan Thomas — who missed all of last season after heart surgery — will probably start at center. If Blatche improves, Jamison stays healthy and rookie 7-footer JaVale McGee can give them a quarter a night off the bench, the Wizards may be in decent shape in the paint.

4 Where are their heads?
"It's time for us to get more serious," Blatche said recently. He and fellow substitute Nick Young showed a lot of talent last season, but they also ran afoul of teammates for not being professional enough in the locker room. Neither guy will get heavy minutes if they revert to their old ways.

5 A better blend at guard?
With Arenas hurt and Roger Mason in San Antonio, Dee Brown and Juan Dixon will provide backcourt depth behind Young and starters Antonio Daniels and DeShawn Stevenson. What the Wizards lose in scoring ability they may gain in unselfishness and defense. ERIC BRANDNER



Gilbert Arenas, still recovering from a third left-knee operation, is the most glaring hole in the Wizards' opening night lineup.

There's Something Missing

Injuries leave Wizards shorthanded in quest to return to the playoffs

WIZARDS | A look around the gym at a recent Washington Wizards practice made clear the problems facing the team as the season approaches.

First and foremost, Gilbert Arenas was nowhere to be found. The three-time All-Star is recovering from a third operation on his left

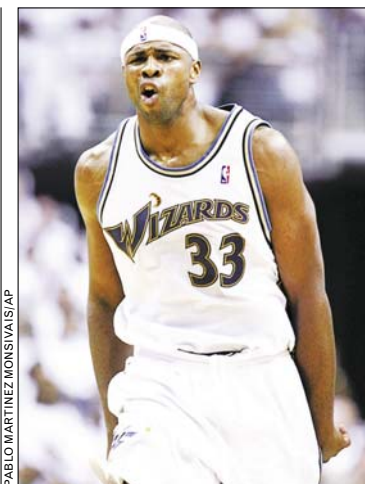
knee, and the Wizards won't say when they expect "Agent Zero" to pull his "Hibachi!" out of storage.

Also absent was starting center Brendan Haywood, who will miss most, if not all, of the season after surgery on his shooting wrist. Even the players who were present weren't an all-around healthy bunch, from the blue sleeve on guard Nick Young's left knee to the wrapping on forward Andray Blatche's right hand. And then there were guys such as Etan Thomas, out all of last season after

open-heart surgery, and Caron Butler, who lost 24 games a year ago.

Enough to make the Wizards worry they're jinxed when it comes to injuries? "At one point," Butler acknowledged, "I did feel that."

Even with Arenas and Haywood sidelined when they open the regular season Wednesday against the New Jersey Nets, the Wizards expect to be in the mix for a playoff berth — their fifth in a row — thanks primarily to All-Star forwards Butler and Antawn Jamison.



Brendan Haywood is expected to miss most of the season with a wrist injury.

Consider this: Butler was the only player in the league to average 20 points, six rebounds, four assists and two steals last season. Jamison was one of only two players in the East to average 20 points and 10 rebounds.

"We've got the scoring. We just need to go out there and understand that if Gilbert's here, then it's a great thing," guard DeShawn Stevenson said, "and if not, we're just going to have to work a little bit harder."

Butler went so far as to say, "Hands down, we're the best team in the Eastern Conference when healthy."

Perhaps, but when might this team be healthy? "It's just been the story with us — stay healthy, stay healthy. Everybody's saying the same thing for the last three years: 'We've got to stay healthy.' But that's the bottom line," forward Darius Songaila said. "Otherwise, we're never going to know what we can do."

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Thomas Shows Strength in Recovery

Bruising center starts for the Wizards 1 year after heart operation

WIZARDS | Etan Thomas is a strong man with strong opinions, a politically active poet with an awesome set of dreadlocks. Throughout his NBA career, there was never a reason to question his desire, his passion, his heart.

So, it was both humbling and ironic a year ago when, on the eve of training camp, doctors informed the Washington Wizards center that



Center Etan Thomas is back on the court a year after open-heart surgery.

he needed open-heart surgery.

"When they told me, I was kind of in disbelief," Thomas said.

"Because, like, I feel fine. I was just working out the day before."

Thomas' strength was again evident Tuesday by the mere fact that he was on the Wizards' practice court, pushing teammates in the paint and drawing fouls. On Wednesday, he play his first regular-season game since the surgery, the starting center as Washington opens at home against the New Jersey Nets.

Thomas had long known he would one day require some sort of heart procedure because of a heart murmur he first experienced in middle school, but he thought it

wouldn't be needed until he was much older. Instead, doctors found a severe problem — a leaking aortic valve — while he was still in the prime of his athletic life.

The leaky valve was replaced during a 4½-hour operation at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Thomas' heart was fine in no time, but the recovery would take awhile.

Thomas was full go from the first day of training camp this year. Coach Eddie Jordan said after a few practices that Thomas' strength and explosiveness were back. "He's a monster out there," Jordan said. "And that's what we need. It's short of a miracle where he's been and where he is." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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The number of football players who failed a drug test at North Texas, the Denton Record-Chronicle reported. The school tested 86 of the team's players at coach Todd Dodge's request.

Sports



Redskins coach Jim Zorn yells during Sunday's game in Detroit. His style has been a hit with Washington's players this year.

Zorn Is a Little 'Different'

Redskins coach has a unique style that is working in 6-2 start

REDSKINS | Jim Zorn has his own way of doing things. He has his own way of talking about things, too.

When asked Monday how he wants his Washington Redskins to improve in the season's second half, Zorn said, "We have to play more suddenly."

This from a man who already has made the phrase "stay medium" — as in not too high, not too low — part of the regular conversa-

tion around Redskins Park. A man who praises "violent" (read "physical") play in his defense and star running back, alike.

So what does it mean to play "suddenly"?

"We have to know our assignments and know the technique — at any given moment, the technique has to be right and it has to be 'sudden' for us to be the contending team that we want to be in this last half of the season," Zorn said.

The first-time head coach is 6-2, a better halfway record than Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs ever enjoyed in his second stint with the team.

No head coach making his NFL debut with Washington has ever won more than eight games in his first season. Gibbs went 8-8 in 1981, a mark Zorn seems on his way toward surpassing.

Zorn's boundless and, apparently, infectious optimism and enthusiasm certainly are a departure from the buttoned-down atmosphere Gibbs oversaw.

"He's a different type of coach, you know. He's a little [more] free-spirited, so to speak," linebacker London Fletcher said. "But you like that about him, because he is who he is." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

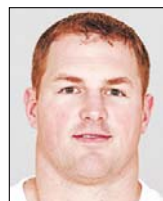
Witten May Play With Broken Rib

NFL | Cowboys tight end Jason Witten has a broken rib but could play anyway Sunday against the New York Giants.

Witten tried to return after injuring his ribs last weekend against Tampa Bay, but he eventually sat out most of the second half. He could wear added protection against the Giants, according to a posting Tuesday on the team's Web site.

The Cowboys were already without Pro Bowl quarterback Tony Romo when Witten, the NFL lead-

er in yards (549) and catches (46) among tight ends, got hurt late in the first quarter.



Witten

Rookie Martellus Bennett and Tony Curtis back up Witten.

Cornerback Anthony Henry tore his quadriceps against the

Buccaneers, but the Cowboys are optimistic rest and treatment will be enough for him to play Sunday. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Wizards open the season against the Nets.

WORLD SERIES (8:30 P.M. ON FOX) Game 5 of the series resumes, assuming the weather holds, with the Phillies and Rays tied, 2-2.

UNITED (8 P.M. ON FSC) Eliminated from the MLS playoffs, D.C. United faces CD Marathon in the CONCACAF Champions League.

NBA (8 P.M. AND 10:30 P.M. ON ESPN) The Suns visit the Spurs, followed by the Lakers versus the Clippers.

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"Velocity and accuracy are less important from a center standpoint because you cut down on distance. Anybody is capable of delivering a shotgun snap."

—Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, defending using LB James Harrison as a long snapper on a botched play vs. the Giants

D.C. Seeks Answers to Lost Season

United misses playoffs after a year of miscues, lackluster signings

UNITED | An optimist would argue that D.C. United was mere inches from qualifying for the MLS Cup playoffs, as three shots in Sunday's regular season finale in Columbus hit the post or crossbar.

But the club knows better. "It definitely comes down to the entire season. It wasn't this game. We should never be in this position," defender Marc Burch said after the 1-0 defeat that ended United's 11-15-4 MLS campaign. "We let a lot of games slip that we could have won where we ended up tying or ended up missing just one play that could have set us out of the playoffs."

Very little went right for a team from which so much was expected. United reloaded with several high-profile South American signings after two straight seasons atop MLS' regular season standings, but none really panned out. Marquee acquisi-



BRIGHT SPOT: D.C. United won the U.S. Open Cup in early September, a highlight of an otherwise lackluster season in which the team missed the MLS playoffs.

tion Marcelo Gallardo was plagued by injury and started just 14 league matches, while defenders Gonzalo Martinez and Gonzalo Peralta were nothing special. Two other signings failed to stick with the club.

Meanwhile, midfield workhorse Ben Olsen was lost to injury, 2007 MVP Luciano Emilio stopped scoring, and a heavy schedule that included three major international tournaments took its toll. D.C. lifted the

"It wasn't this game. We should never be in this position."

MARC BURCH, D.C. DEFENDER

U.S. Open Cup on Sept. 3 but then slumped, winning just one of its final 13 matches. Meanwhile, discarded players like Brian Carroll (Columbus) and Bobby Boswell (Houston) had all-star caliber seasons for contending clubs.

United's season officially will conclude Wednesday night at RFK Stadium with a meaningless Champions League game against Honduras' Marathon. Then the self-evaluation will begin. "It's been a really tough year in so many areas," coach Tom Soehn said Sunday, when D.C. was eliminated from the playoffs for the first time since 2002. "Everybody's going to do a lot of reflecting over the course of what the season brought." BRIAN STRAUS

In Brief

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Arizona's Olson Had Stroke

Lute Olson's doctor says he had a stroke within the last year and that he advised Olson to retire as Arizona's basketball coach. Dr. Steven Knope says an MRI confirmed the stroke, which left the 74-year-old Olson with severe depression and impaired judgment. Olson suddenly announced his retirement last week, two days after he appeared at the Wildcats' media day and said he was "energized" and looking forward to his 25th season with Arizona. (AP)

NFL

Chargers Fire 'D' Coordinator

Defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell has been fired by the San Diego Chargers and replaced with inside linebackers coach Ron Rivera. Cottrell's dismissal comes two days after the Chargers lost to Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints, 37-32, in London. Brees threw for 341 yards and three touchdowns. The Chargers have the worst pass defense in the NFL. (AP)

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Sports

The Calm After the Storm

Phillies, Rays ride out weather as Game 5 is delayed till Wednesday

WORLD SERIES | In the middle of all this World Series chaos, Joe Maddon sounded rather calm.

Bumped to a hotel in Delaware until Game 5 resumes Wednesday night — if the weather cooperates — the Tampa Bay manager and his young team rode out the storm together.

"I referred to it as kind of like getting snowed in, if I could go back to my roots," said Maddon, raised in nearby Hazleton, Pa.

Rain put the Series on hold Monday night, with the Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays suspended in the sixth inning with the score tied at 2.

More rain and possible snow showers were expected Tuesday, so commissioner Bud Selig said Game 5 was tentatively set to resume at 8:37 p.m. Wednesday night.

The Phillies lead three games to one, needing one more win for their first championship since 1980. There has never been a rain-shortened game in Series history, and this was the first suspension.

By the time Carlos Pena hit a tying, two-out single in the sixth for



Wind and rain in Philadelphia caused MLB officials to suspend Game 5 of the World Series for the first time ever. The series is scheduled to resume Wednesday.

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the Rays, every pitch and every hit had become an adventure. Batters kept blinking back the rain drops and pitchers struggled with their footing. Strong gusts dropped the wind-chill factor into the 30s, and fielders covered their bare hands

between pitches. "It was terrible. It was the worst conditions I've ever played in," Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria said.

"It was in bad shape. It was not playable," Phillies second baseman Chase Utley said.

Tuesday was supposed to be a travel day, if necessary. Instead, the teams will stay in the area and then head back to Tropicana Field if the Rays win.

The delay, however, forced the Rays to find a comfortable hotel in Wilmington, Del., about 25 miles away. BEN WALKER (AP)

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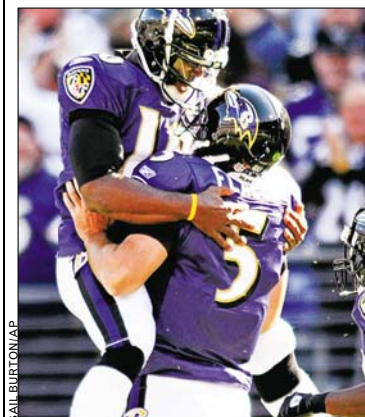
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Joe Flacco and Troy Smith celebrate after a trick-play touchdown Sunday.

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Those Tricky Ravens

Baltimore breaks out single-wing package to spark bland offense

RAVENS | When the Baltimore Ravens line up in a peculiar formation, or employ a variety of players in unusual positions, typically, it's been on defense.

Recently, the Baltimore offense has been just as crafty. That's saying something for a unit that's been as bland as a rice cake.

The Ravens ran a few trick plays earlier this season, just to keep things interesting, before taking it to another level Sunday against the Oakland Raiders. Using two quarterbacks in a single-wing set, Baltimore gained 75 yards in four plays — including a memorable 43-yard completion from backup quarterback Troy Smith to starter Joe Flacco. Coach John Harbaugh and offensive coordinator Cam Cameron installed the single-wing package months ago in minicamp, but waited until week 7 to unveil it.

"That kind of stuff makes it more fun for the players. It gets them more involved," Harbaugh said.

"It kind of keeps it fresh," linebacker Ray Lewis said. "We see where our offense is going. It's kind of exciting when you see a new flavor." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



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Travel

History Amid The Hipsters

The Big Apple's Lower East Side is home to a variety of landmarks

SIGHTSEEING | For waves of immigrants to America, New York's Lower East Side was their first place of settlement. Today it's one of the city's trendiest neighborhoods. But it's easy to find history amid the hipsters.

Some shops sell pickles and knishes; some sell tapas and tattoos. A grand building with arches and columns at 175 E. Broadway, which once housed the Yiddish Forward newspaper, is now home to \$3 million condos. And a museum that tells the story of immigrants is a few blocks from a museum of contemporary art.

"This is the quintessential old neighborhood, where tradition meets the cutting edge," said Holly Kaye, executive director of the Lower East Side Conservancy.

For anyone interested in history and architecture, or even just food and shopping, the neighborhood



KATHY WILLEN/AP

New museums coexist with historic sites on New York's Lower East Side.

makes a fascinating destination. Big Onion Walking Tours of the area include "The Multi-Ethnic Eating Tour" (\$20), "The Jewish Lower East Side" (\$15) and "Immigrant New York" (\$15, Bigonion.com). The Lower East Side Conservancy also offers monthly tours (\$18, Nycjewishtours.org).

Or create your own adventure. Take the F train to Second Avenue and then wander south from East Houston Street. But don't wait too long. The old places may not last forever. **BETH J. HARPAZ (AP)**

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Austin's Political Haunts

Ghosts of past leaders reportedly linger in the capital of Texas

DESTINATIONS | Politics can be plenty spooky, especially this time of year. But in Texas, some politicians have a way of sticking around way past Election Day.

Some say Sam Houston, the Texas hero who famously gave up his job as governor rather than join the Confederacy, still roams his old Austin home, pacing nervously.

"That is one haunted city," said Fiona Broome, a psychic, ghost hunter and author who wrote "The Ghosts of Austin, Texas."

The state Capitol is a particular hot spot, she said.

"The Capitol is haunted day and



HARRY CABLUCK/AP

Offices in the state Capitol in Austin are reportedly haunted by several ghosts.

night," she said. "If you've got a nice, misty day there, people see ghosts walking up the path to the Capitol building all the time."

Broome, who spent time in Austin over five years doing research for the book, said she saw many ghosts at the Capitol, including one possi-

bly of Comptroller Robert Marshall Love walking up the promenade toward the building.

Love, who was fatally shot by a disgruntled associate in his first-floor office in 1903, has allegedly startled both tourists and state troopers in his outdated business suit. He was wearing a top hat when Broome saw him.

A few blocks from the Capitol, the legendary Driskill Hotel has a few apparitions of its own, including the ghost of Lyndon Johnson.

"He is spotted sitting in a chair right around where they used to set up the TV, where politicians used to come in and watch election results," Broome said.

"I would definitely be looking for him there" on election night, she said. APRIL CASTRO (AP)

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LOW RENT: Car rental company Avis Budget Group Inc. said Tuesday it posted a pre-tax loss of more than \$1 billion in the third quarter, including write-downs, and shed 700 jobs in a cost-cutting drive as travel volume dropped.

Cars

Nissan's '09 Candidate

Redone Maxima looks to bring back model's early '90s cool appeal

MAKEOVER | According to our friends at Kelley Blue Book Marketing Research, you can tell which presidential candidate a person supports by looking at what kind of car he or she drives. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has the support of 66 percent of full-size pickup truck drivers; not surprisingly, perhaps, hybrid drivers are more inclined toward Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill.

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin scores very high with drivers of Zambonis. Supporters of Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., take the train from Washington to Delaware and back for 35 years.

As for brands, KBB reports Obama leading McCain among owners of niche import vehicles, including Mini (70 percent), Sub-



The Nissan Maxima underwent a makeover for 2009. The changes include a V6 with more horses and a reeducated transmission. It's trying hard to be liked.

aru (61 percent) and Saab (59 percent).

Does the Nissan Maxima still have a constituency?

In the early 1990s, this was the cool Nissan to have — a tightly drafted, reasonably racy Japanese sedan noted for its affordable fun

and can't-kill-it durability. Tuners and slammers loved it. Nissan called it its 4DSC, which stood for "four-door sports car."

For 2009, the Maxima has undergone a candidate makeover — for much less than \$150,000. The big changes include a 290-horsepower version of Nissan/Infiniti's VQ-series V6 (a 35-hp bump over the 2008 model), which gushes power through a continuously variable transmission and out the front wheels in a deluge of exuberant torque steer.

This is a car that is trying really hard to be liked, a little like Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. Eager, aggressive, hypercompetent, the new Maxima doesn't so much sit on the fence as carom through it. It's a four-wheel pantsuit.

To further establish the Maxima as a bona-fide sports sedan, Nissan has shortened the wheelbase and widened the track to make it mar-

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ginally more nimble and flatter in cornering. There are, apparently, lighter aluminum suspension pieces underneath, buttoned to a stiffer chassis, and the engine lump is situated lower.

Personally, I think the Maxima is a victim of over-busy, overlapping product planning.

Why would you vote for the Maxima when you can pull the lever for a similarly priced Infiniti G35, which puts its 300-plus horsepower to the rear wheels? Now that's a party.

DAN NEIL (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

DISCUSSIONS

REAL WHEELS

I think it's in every American's best interest in our current economic climate to consider GM or Ford cars first in their shopping. If that is simply impossible for some people, then all efforts should be made to purchase autos with a high percentage of U.S. parts assembled in the United States. Yes, we are all free to spend our dollars where we will, but when do you think it becomes necessary to put the U.S. before other countries?

We have an enormous appetite for foreign goods sold at the lowest possible prices. We are reluctant to buy American goods made at higher cost by people with higher salaries. Our appetite for lower-cost foreign goods in many cases encourages American companies to outsource, to produce at lower prices. I'm convinced that American stuff makers — having lost good-

paying jobs, having been forced to hold two or more lower-paying jobs to make ends meet, having been encouraged to swallow credit couldn't make enough money to continue funding their car notes, mortgages and other pieces of the American dream.

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Why should I support U.S. cars when foreign cars are so much more reliable?

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Entertainment



SMELLS LIKE TWEEN SPIRIT: The Jonas Brothers are making cinema. Kevin, Joe and Nick and "Bonus Jonas" (little brother Frankie, 8) have signed on to star in "Walter the Farting Dog," a family-friendly film based on Jamie Leigh Curtis' best-selling kids book.



STRAIGHT TO THE SOURCE: Sarah Vowell hangs out by the grave of John Winthrop — perhaps channeling his Puritan vibe.

Scripted Comedy

Sarah Vowell finds humor in a wordy, Puritanical bunch

AUTHOR | Sarah Vowell has some unconventional thoughts about the Puritans — not the Pilgrims who sailed from England on the Mayflower and ended up in Plymouth, but the OTHER Puritans, the ones who settled Massachusetts a

decade later.

"My Puritans," as Vowell calls them, were not the "generic, boring, stupid, judgmental killjoys" history makes them out to be.

"Because, to me, they are very specific, fascinating, sometimes brilliant, judgmental killjoys who rarely agreed on anything except that Catholics are going to hell," Vowell writes in her new book, "The Wordy Shipmates," which

was released earlier this month and already climbing best-seller lists.

Vowell, an author, humorist and commentator, has carved out a career telling stories from American history with a mix of humor, sarcasm and painstaking research.

She doesn't consider herself a historian but has recently become more comfortable thinking of herself as a writer who can teach his-

tory in her own way.

"I'm offended that people think history is boring," she said recently.

Vowell, 38, started out on public radio's "This American Life," where since 1996 she has been a regular contributor and talked about everything from the romance of Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, to her own goth makeover. She turned her interest in radio into her first book, "Radio On: A Listener's Diary," published in 1997. Since then, she has written four books, including "The Partly Cloudy Patriot," a collection of essays about American history.

"The Wordy Shipmates" is the story of the 700 colonists who left England in 1630, Puritan dissenters led by John Winthrop, who became the first governor of Massachusetts. Vowell is fascinated by Winthrop, especially his famous sermon, "A Model of Christian Charity," in which he calls on New England to be "as a city upon a hill" and urges the colonists to take care of each other.

Fans of Vowell's books say she has a way of making a dry subject interesting and sometimes even hilarious.

Humor writer David Sedaris said Vowell has created a new category through her writing: "funny historian."

"If she wants to write about pyramids and make me laugh, I'll read it," he said. "I'll read whatever she wants to put in front of me, knowing that it's going to make me laugh." DENISE LAVOIE (AP)



The key thing about irritating, animated rodents is they never, ever die. Ever.

The Big 5-0 for the Tiny Three

Alvin and co. celebrate their half-century with new cover tunes

MUSIC | Like most major pop acts, Alvin and the Chipmunks have big plans for their anniversary. Fifty years after the release of their first single, "The Chipmunk Song," the animated trio will release "Undeniable," an album of covers (Led Zepelin's "Rock and Roll," Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer" and Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds"), new songs and remixes on Razor & Tie.

Although the Chipmunks have released 44 albums, they came back into fashion last year with the CGI and live-action movie "Alvin and the Chipmunks" and its soundtrack, which sold 886,000 copies.

"Undeniable," which comes out Nov. 4, could benefit from that attention. "The album has a sophisticated sound," says Ross Bagdasarian Jr., owner of the Chipmunks franchise and son of its original creator. "The musicianship is really first-rate, so it's not some kiddie version of those songs."

In keeping with that idea, the Chipmunks' version of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" will be worked to rock stations, while the kid-focused material will be taken to outlets like Radio Disney. KAMAU HIGH (AP)

A Finely Tuned Instrument

Boz Scaggs' melodic voice propels him from disco to dynamite

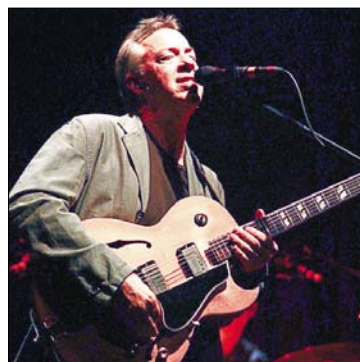
MUSIC | "Lido Shuffle" may be a dumb disco-era song, but anyone who remembers the 1976 hit knows Boz Scaggs can swing. And he can sing.

Both skills are on display on "Speak Low," Scaggs' second album of standards. It's a bit of a leap from "Lido" to Hoagy Carmi-

chael, but Scaggs succeeds where many pop singers of his generation have flopped.

One reason: Scaggs sings like a saxophone, his voice possessing a reedy lilt that gives even a ballad like "Invitation" an appealing pulse. He has the phrasing of a veteran jazzman and an expressive voice at both ends of the register.

And unlike many singers who make a late-career switch to standards, Scaggs chooses his material wisely. The 12-song set includes



Scaggs has rolled with the times and updated his once brutally '70s sound.

tunes by Carmichael, Duke Ellington, Kurt Weill, and Rodgers and Hart, and they're mostly in the category of you-know-it-when-you-hear it — somewhat familiar but open to a fresh interpretation.

The arrangements feature woodwinds, occasional strings and collaborator Gil Goldstein on piano and keyboards. But throughout the focus is on Scaggs, who wraps his voice around one glorious melody after another, sounding glad disco's dead. STEVEN WINE (AP)

Entertainment



THE BIRDS: Ryan Adams, center, has had an ego with a rep — until now. He has embraced the role of team player while working with his band, the Cardinals.

Tale of a Reformed Solo Artist

Ryan Adams invests in something larger than his musical self

COLLECTIVE | Ryan Adams' music is often overshadowed by his eccentric behavior and the pure volume of his recorded output. But on "Cardinology," which came out Tuesday via Lost Highway, his songs are the real story, not Adams himself.

In fact, the artist is so happy with the evolution of his band, the Cardinals, during the course of five albums in the past three years that he says he'd be content if his name was dropped entirely from the packaging. "The stuff we do communally is 10 times better than the stuff I come up with," he says.

Adams may be overstating things a little, and such comments should be taken with a grain of salt from a guy who moments earlier was going off on a tangent about '80s pop metal ("Hey, if Def Leppard started a cooking school, they'd be Chef Leppard!"). But there's no question the camaraderie he shares with guitarist Neal Casal,

drummer Brad Pemberton, pedal steel player Jon Graboff and bassist Chris Feinstein has helped him create one of the most focused albums of his career.

On "Cardinology," which fulfills Adams' contract with the label for which he's recorded since 2000, the artist details his battles with substance abuse and his struggles to sustain relationships with remarkable clarity, best heard on the anthemic "Cobwebs," the drumless "Crossed Out Name," the harmony-rich "Natural Ghost" ("You make me feel like I'm not here/But I am/More than you think I am") and the soft, Wilco-esque ballad "Evergreen."

Adams' newfound clarity is music to the ears of Lost Highway chairman Luke Lewis. "He's acting grown-up right now," he says with a laugh. "I kind of miss the petulant child occasionally."

"We did a really great record that sounds totally like the Cardinals," Adams says with pride. "It's pretty much live on the floor. I think we did it in a really brave way. We did it raw, like we were doing a gig."

Even so, Adams is already looking past "Cardinology" and dreaming about where he and his bandmates will go next. "Because we're into bands like Oasis and Foo Fighters: big, monolithic rock bands who really explore all those areas. That's what Cardinals is. That's the work I want to do." JONATHAN COHEN

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Oscar Is No Laughing Matter

The talent behind funny movies never brings home the prize

TALENT | At a screening of the upcoming comedy "Role Models" the other night, I found myself thinking about the Academy Awards, wondering what I always wonder when I see a good new comedy: Why shouldn't the Oscars recognize good work in comedy the same way they do in drama, animation, cinematography, editing and all the other great movie crafts? Shockingly, comedy is so thoroughly ignored by Oscar voters that it's been more than 30 years since a true comedy —

Woody Allen's "Annie Hall" — won the Oscar for best picture.

To say this is a disgrace would be an understatement. I hate to bore you with a recitation of film history, but movies began as a comic medium. A generation of Americans grew up falling in love with cinema, largely thanks to Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd and a host of other inspired silent-movie comics. A second generation of moviegoers survived the Great Depression with the wonderful screwball comedies of the 1930s, from "My Man Godfrey" and "The Awful Truth" to "It Happened One Night" and "Midnight."



In the film "Role Models," Paul Rudd gives an Oscar-worthy performance.

Directed by David Wain, who did 2001's "Wet Hot American Summer," "Role Models," which is being released Nov. 7, has no weighty message. It's simply loaded with shrewd comedy writing and slyly funny performances.

There are several stellar performances, but none is better than the one given by Paul Rudd, who gives his character a wryly poignant spin rarely seen in comic buddy films. Played by Rudd, Danny Donahue is smart, cynical and thoroughly disappointed in himself, shrewd enough to see that he's going nowhere in life but not resourceful enough to stop himself from spinning his wheels. If this were a per-

formance set in a drama instead of a comedy, it would inspire all sorts of noisy best-actor chatter from the awards-season soothsayers. But because it comes in a comedy package, Rudd will go without that Oscar, just as Steve Martin did in "All of Me," the 1984 comedy that featured one of the most soulful acting performances in modern times, a performance roundly ignored by Oscar voters.

Why does comedy get so little respect at Oscar time? "When it's done well, it looks effortless," says Scott Stuber, who has worked on a host of great comedies. "But the truth is, comedy is really difficult. Try to imagine what Eddie Murphy did in the first 'Nutty Professor.' It's sheer genius — you can't believe he didn't get an Oscar. The acting is as good as you'll ever see." **PATRICK GOLDSTEIN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)**

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CHANGELING (R) 1:15, 3:15, 4:30, 6:30, 7:45, 9:45

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W. (PG13) 1:25, 4:25, 7:30, 10:15

THE DUCHESS (PG13) 2:05, 4:45, 7:25

APPALOOSA (R) 4:00, 9:00

RELIGIOUS (R) 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30

BURN AFTER READING (R) 1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:15, 10:20

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THE IMAX EXPERIENCE

EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ✓ 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ✓ 1:40, 2:20, 4:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25

PRIDE AND GLORY (R) ✓ 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 10:15

SAW V (R) ✓ 1:45, 2:35, 4:15, 5:10, 6:45, 7:40, 9:20, 10:10

MAX PAYNE (PG13) 2:05, 3:05, 4:40, 5:30, 7:20, 7:55, 9:50, 10:20

SEX DRIVE (R) 7:10, 9:55

BODY OF LIES (R) 1:30, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25

THE EXPRESS (PG) 1:15, 6:50

QUARANTINE (R) 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:40

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NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) 12:55 PM

EAGLE EYE (PG13) 1:05, 3:50, 6:35, 9:25

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 4:10, 9:45

AMC SELECT

PASSENGERS (PG13) 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:35

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

W. (PG13) 1:00, 3:55, 7:00, 10:05

THE DUCHESS (PG13) 4:00, 9:30

FIREPROOF (PG) 1:10, 6:40

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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR (G) ✓ 2:30, 5:10, 7:50

PRIDE AND GLORY (R) ✓ 4:20, 7:30

SAW V (R) ✓ 2:50, 5:20, 7:40

MAX PAYNE (PG13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

SEX DRIVE (R) 7:10

QUARANTINE (R) 6:50

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 2:40, 4:50

GHOST TOWN (PG13) 4:10

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THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) 2:10, 4:40, 7:20

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LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 4:30, 10:00

TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 4:35, 7:35, 10:10

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LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

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ASHES OF TIME REDUX (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:30

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WHAT JUST HAPPENED (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40

THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20

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APPALOOSA (R) 4:10

RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (R) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00

RELIGIOUS (R) 2:30, 4:45, 7:50

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Television



SHAWN WANNABES: ABC Family is hoping to score a "Perfect 10," handing out a pilot pickup to a project set in the world of competitive gymnastics. "10" follows a group of teen Olympic hopefuls as they train and prepare for their day in the spotlight.

A Man of Great Composure

PBS honors a musical scribe in 'A Celebration of Leonard Bernstein'

WRITER | Imagine a time when an orchestra conductor and serious symphonic composer could create a pop-culture phenomenon bigger than "High School Musical."

Blending "serious" composition with jazz, swing and Latin sounds, this musical was not a call to bubble-gum escapism but a story of urban gang violence adapted from a Shakespearean tragedy.

It really happened. That composer was Leonard Bernstein, and that creation was "West Side Story," a musical that generated a best-selling soundtrack album and a hit movie nominated for 10 Oscars.

Conductor/composer Michael



THE WRITTEN NOTE: Bernstein is responsible for greats such as "West Side Story."

Tilson Thomas hosts a "Great Performance" (9 p.m., PBS) presentation of "Carnegie Hall Opening Night: A Celebration of Leonard Bernstein." Thomas leads the San Francisco orchestra in extended performances of the 1944 "Fancy

Free," "West Side Story" from 1957 and Bernstein's final opera, "A Quiet Place" from 1983. He also offers commentary about how Bernstein's music was often autobiographical. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

KUNG PAO KILLER

Murder is on the menu at a Chinese restaurant on **PUSHING DAISIES** (8 p.m., ABC).

EASY TARGET

The new series **SHAKEN NOT STIRRED** (9 p.m., MyNetwork) offers Vegas-style roasts of public figures featuring tough love from a gallery including Anthony Anderson and D.L. Hughley. The first guest is the Rev. Al Sharpton.

G.I.L.F.

The documentary **BRITAIN'S YOUNGEST GRANNIES** (9 p.m., BBC America) looks at women who aren't quite ready for the rocking chair.

UNFETTERED CORRUPTION

Patrick's campaign continues undaunted on **DIRTY SEXY MONEY** (10 p.m., ABC).

LITTLE GREEN MEN

Was Illinois invaded by alien spacecraft in 2004? If that question sounds utterly preposterous to you, you're probably not going to be a fan of **UFO HUNTERS**



WE DIDN'T ORDER THAT: Dinner out turns dangerous on "Pushing Daisies."

(10 p.m., History), now entering its second season.

FIRST LADY OF LAUGHS

Jay Leno hosts comedian Sarah Silverman and British indie band the Kooks on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC). **KEVIN MCDONOUGH** (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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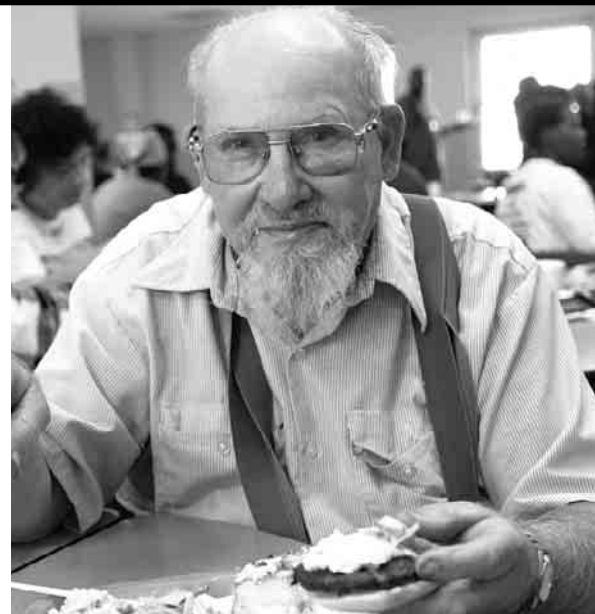
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Tired of Halloween? Celebrate Day of the Dead this year instead

BOO, DAHLING | Are you too old for Halloween? There are two phases of too old — the first hits you when you realize you can no longer dress up as a bumblebee and go get candy from the neighbors because you're too tall. The second is when you've emphatically grown out of dressing like a sexy bumblebee and passing out on the bar because of one too many "authentic brain texture" Jell-O shots. So, what do you do when you no longer want to act like a drunken idiot every Oct. 31 but still want to celebrate?

You can always have a tasteful house party, but those can devolve quickly into eviction-worthy ragers. Better to go somewhere that appreciates Halloween, but that will take care of crowd control



DIVERSITY: Sick of American ghouls? Drop into Oyamel for Day of the Dead grub.

for you.

If you're willing to shell out, try 2941. One of the Metro area's most splurge-worthy restaurants, it's gotten into the spirit with a dessert that makes me squirm. I'm sure

it's delicious, but I'm not sticking a fork into anything that looks like an eyeball. It's also offering a four-course Halloween dinner for \$100 a person. Call for reservations.

The classiest joint in the D.C.

area is PX, the tiny, self-styled speakeasy in Old Town Alexandria. You always need reservations there, but there's no cooler place to spend Halloween night. Their cocktails are always superlative, but make sure to sample the Black Ghost, its Halloween concoction. The black bit? That's squid ink.

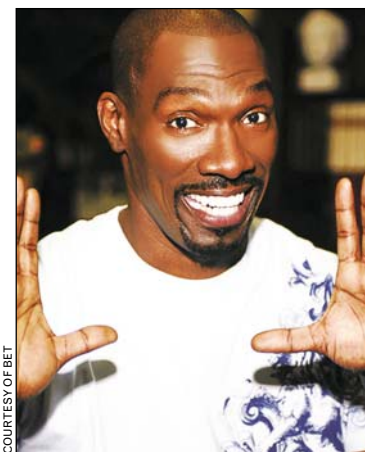
Finally, if you're really tired of the costumes and the candy, opt out of Halloween entirely and celebrate Dia de los Muertos, the Mexican Day of the Dead. Guest chef Diana Kennedy has taken over Oyamel through Nov. 2, and she's cooking special surprise menus every night in honor of the holiday. **FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)**

→ 2941, 2941 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church; 703-270-1500.

→ PX, 728 King St., Alexandria; 703-299-8384.

→ Oyamel, 401 Seventh St. NW; 202-628-1005. (Gallery Place)

thescene



Eddie who? Comedian Charlie Murphy headlines the Improv this weekend.

WEDNESDAY

Charlie Murphy: Eddie's hilarious older brother has a style all his own. The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu.-Sun., various times, \$30; 202-296-7008. (Farragut North)

Washington Walks Haunted Tours:

Downtown D.C. is even scarier than it seems. 17th and I streets NW; 7:30 p.m., \$10; 202-484-1565. (Farragut West)

The Legendary Pink Dots: Experimental rock. The Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; 8 p.m., \$15; 202-388-7625.

FRIDAY

Nightmare on M Street Bar Crawl:

Costumes and beer specials at 15 downtown bars starts at the Front Page. Front Page, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. NW; 6 p.m.-2 a.m., \$12-\$20; 202-296-6500. (Dupont Circle)

Mambo Sauce: A hot blend of hip-hop and go-go. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Avenue E., Vienna; 8 p.m., \$12; 703-255-1566.

Halloween Hustle: DJs provide the dance tunes, you provide the costumes. Beacon Bar and Grill, 1615 Rhode Island Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-872-1126. (Farragut North)

SATURDAY

Markoff's Haunted Forest: Enjoy shady characters, candlelit trails, bonfires, and food and drink. For the more adventurous, try the "Bat Flight" or the "Spider Walk." Calvea Farm, 19120 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, Md.; dusk-10:30 p.m., \$20-\$25; 301-216-1248.

Explore our searchable list of the area's events, venues, restaurants and movies at expressnightout.com/thescene.

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Easy, She's A New Soul

You've heard Yael Naim even if you've never heard of her.

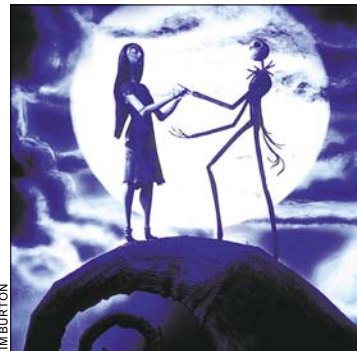
This Paris-born, Israeli singer is the voice of "New Soul," the song in that MacBook Air commercial you heard everywhere for a few months. Naim's waif-y ditty was picked by Steve Jobs himself. Even if you got sick of her tune, Naim has plenty of others. Apple gave her some exposure, but now she has to find stardom on her own steam. We think this former soloist from the Israeli Air Force Orchestra can do it, based on the lovely, jazzy quality of her voice. She may hypnotize you with her big-as-teacups eyes. **F.Z.**
→ Sixth and I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW; 8:30 p.m., \$25; 202-397-7328. (Gallery Place)



Guilty Girly Pleasure

Though I have no patience with girls who idolize Holly Golightly as a role model, who see her flighty idiocy and self-promotion as a handbook for adult life, I have to admit something: I love "Breakfast at Tiffany's." I know! It squeezes a classic novella into a cliché mold, there are horrendous racial stereotypes, the main character is obnoxious, and yet, I can't help but watch. See it for free at the American Art Museum tonight. **F.Z.**

→ Smithsonian American Art Museum, 8th and F streets NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-633-1000. (Gallery Place)



Ghost Tunes

As part of a slow buildup to the big day (Halloween, that is), H Street's own Palace of Wonders is providing an evening of live music from one of the most delightfully not-scary scary movies of all time.

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→ Palace of Wonders, 1210 H St. NE; 9 p.m., \$5; 202-398-7469.



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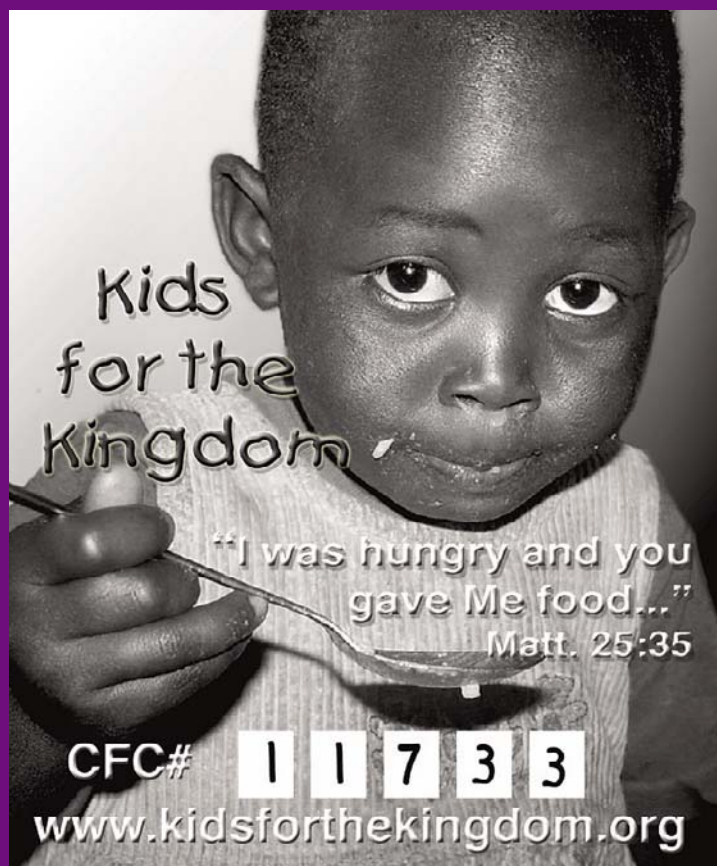
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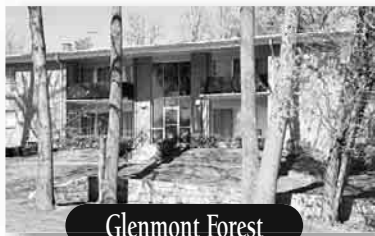


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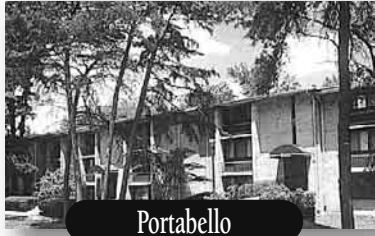
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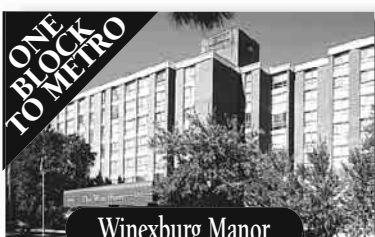
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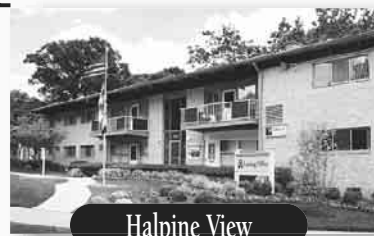
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Pursuits

Scuba diving helps disabled military vets regain confidence

Jim Hay knows a thing or two about adventure, and he certainly isn't one to shy away from a challenge.

So, he was more than ready to pull on a wet suit, strap on a tank, gear and goggles, and head into the deep end of the pool during a scuba diving excursion at the Rio Rancho Aquatic Center in Rio Rancho, N.M.

"You are really flying underwater. It's an amazing feeling," said Hay, a Vietnam veteran from Albuquerque.

Hay is like any other diver experiencing the weightlessness and tranquility of the sport. But for him, the underwater freedom is much more precious.

“There are so many different things that someone in a wheelchair can do, and this is just one of them.”

VIN DAVIS, DISABLED VETERAN

For more than 20 years Hay has been a paraplegic, dependent on his wheelchair for more mobility. Underwater, he is able to move his legs and direct his movements with a little help from trained diving instructors.

A member of Paralyzed Veterans of America's New Mexico chapter, Hay was one of several paraplegic veterans who got a taste of scuba diving during a training session held recently by the Cody Unser First Step Foundation.

The Albuquerque-based foundation is the creation of Cody Unser, daughter of two-time Indianapolis 500 champion Al Unser Jr. and granddaughter of four-time Indy winner Al Unser Sr. At 12, Cody was paralyzed from the chest down due to a rare immune system attack on her spinal cord, known as transverse myelitis.

She got the idea for Operation Deep Down, the foundation's military dive program, after earning her diving certification. "Once I did it ... it became clear to me that I wanted to give this gift [of scuba diving] to anybody who's paralyzed," said Unser, now 21.

Scuba diving is catching the attention of medical experts for

the physical benefits it can have for people with disabilities. Some say diving could even lead to breakthroughs in the way doctors treat people with brain and spinal cord injuries.

At the pool, instructors use a mix of humor, seriousness and patience to help the divers learn scuba basics and prepare for the day's ultimate goal — touching the bottom of the 12-foot-deep pool.

To get started, instructors dress the divers in wet suits and fit them with neoprene boots before carrying them into the water. Next come vests, tanks, goggles and flippers.

"Is this where you get me all dressed up and then I have to go the bathroom?" jokes veteran Terry Conger, preparing for his first dive. Multiple sclerosis has left Conger disabled from the waist down.

Jim Elliott, certified diving instructor and founder of Diveheart, leads the training session as a mentor for the Operation Deep Down program. Elliott's foundation, based in the Chicago area, builds confi-

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WEIGHTLESS: Disabled veteran Vin Davis, lower, scuba dives in Rio Rancho, N.M. He said it was an empowering experience.

Underwater Freedom



Terry Conger, front, a veteran disabled by MS, prepares to scuba dive in a pool.

dence in people with disabilities through scuba diving.

"I personally think that scuba diving is the most powerful sport in the world for people with disabilities. It's the only sport in the world where there's no gravity," Elliott said.

Operation Deep Down and Diveheart are but a few of the several adaptive scuba diving programs focusing on disabled veterans. The Walter Reed Army Medical Center offers sports activities as part of the Wounded Warrior-Disabled Sports Project, but its diving program has become the most popular.

Diving allows weak muscles to move freely underwater. Such movement can help people with paralysis improve circulation, oxygenate tissues and increase lung capacity.

After his first dive, disabled veteran Vin Davis said the experience was psychologically empowering.

"There are so many different things that someone in a wheelchair can do, and this is just one of them," said Davis. MELANIE DABOVICH (AP)

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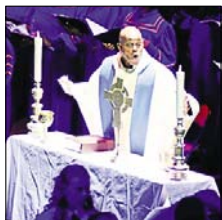
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

WOULD YOU OBJECT TO HAVING YOUR BAG SEARCHED BY TRANSIT POLICE BEFORE RIDING METRO?

YES 54%

NO 46%



“I’m surprised Metro has not initiated this program earlier. I am willing to suffer a little inconvenience for added security. I do not have anything in my bags to hide.”

COMMENTER ELLEN, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “WOULD YOU OBJECT TO HAVING YOUR BAG SEARCHED BY TRANSIT POLICE BEFORE RIDING METRO?”

“I doubt these random searches would be truly random. I am saying that the Metro police may start profiling [riders].”

COMMENTER CMJR, WHO ADDED, “THE ONLY WAY AROUND IT IS A MUCH HIGHER POLICE PRESENCE, K-9 UNITS, CONSISTENT BAG SEARCHES AND MAYBE EVEN TAP-DOWNS.”

“Unless you’re going to screen every bag all the time, at every entrance, you're not doing anything but throwing money down a rat hole.”

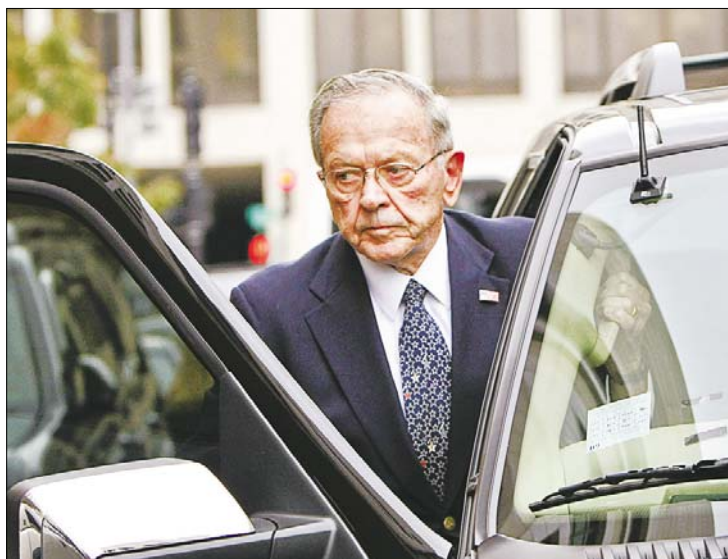
COMMENTER BFS, WHO ADDED, “THIS IS JUST A WAY TO PROVIDE THE ILLUSION OF SECURITY WHILE DOING NOTHING AT ALL.”

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Blog LOG

“On one hand, I’m terribly proud of myself; on the other, I don’t want to spend money on bags that I could get for free.”

AIRE.BLOGSTEST.ARLINGTONVA.US FEELS GOOD ABOUT GOING FOR REUSABLE SHOPPING BAGS BUT REALIZED HE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO USE FOR HIS DIRTY CLEATS AND CAT LITTER.



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“I would have expected [John McCain] to suggest that [Ted] Stevens ‘suspend his campaign.’ Resignation seems a little harsh.”

A COMMENTER AT WASHINGTONPOST.COM/THE-TRAIL REACTS TO MCCAIN'S CALL FOR THE ALASKA SENATOR TO RESIGN AFTER BEING CONVICTED ON CORRUPTION CHARGES MONDAY.



“Last week I went to Target for napkins; I came home with art. Wine-themed art on clearance? How could one resist? Now I want to redo all the art in the house. Hey, I’m never moving, so I may as well make the house look nice.”

JODIFUR.BLOGSPOT.COM DESCRIBES WHY TARGET IS A DANGEROUS PLACE TO SHOP.

“ONE PAIR [OF] JEANS, one pair [of] shorts, six T-shirts, six pairs of black socks, six pairs of boxers, one belt, one long-sleeved jumper, one pair of running shoes, one pair of casual Adidas shoes. That’s all I had for six months.”

ROOSHV.COM ADMITS HE HAD NO STYLE, ADDING, “EVERYTHING I HAD MATCHED EVERYTHING ELSE, AND I DIDN'T HAVE TO SPEND MORE THAN 10 SECONDS A DAY [ON] MY OUTFIT.”

Discussions

Henry Rollins

Actor, musician and spoken-word performer **HENRY ROLLINS** was online Tuesday to offer his thoughts about the campaigns, the candidates, the media, the U.S. at war and his “Recountdown 2008” tour.



I’ve been a longtime fan. I saw you play live decades ago, and it is one of my fondest memories.

Are you still out in L.A.? Do you like it better there than in D.C.? Are you and Ian MacKaye still good pals?

Yes, still in Los Angeles. As to why — no good excuse. Do I prefer D.C.? Absolutely. So much of my work gets done in Los Angeles

at this point, I must be where the work is. I keep in touch with my good friend Ian constantly.

What is the coolest thing, for a man, about growing older?

An adult has the opportunity to enjoy the wisdom gleaned from previous decades of living and experience. Hopefully, one enhances his sense of humor. As he approaches 50, he’ll need all the humor he can get.

How do you think the vote is going to go on Proposition 8 in California? What do you think of religious groups from outside the state pouring money into getting this passed?

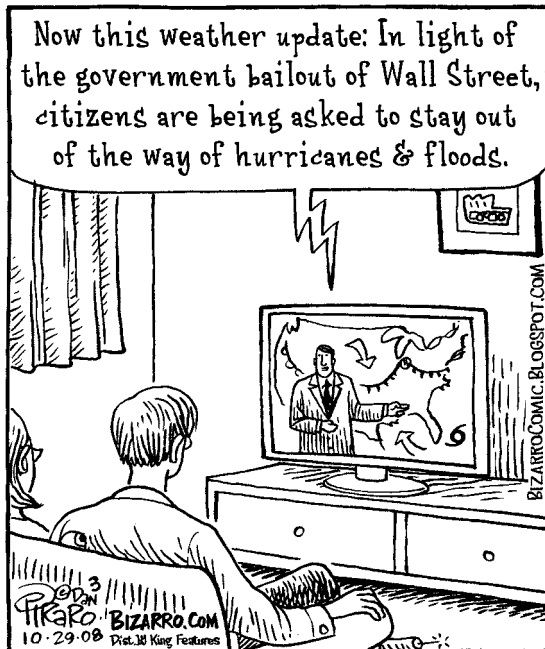
I think it’s very sad that the political landscape is now so dotted with religious extremists who feel the need to infringe upon the lives of decent, free and harmless Americans who want nothing more than

to be in love and to spend the rest of their lives together. As to the outcome of Proposition 8, let’s hope that sanity and humanity are the loudest voices.

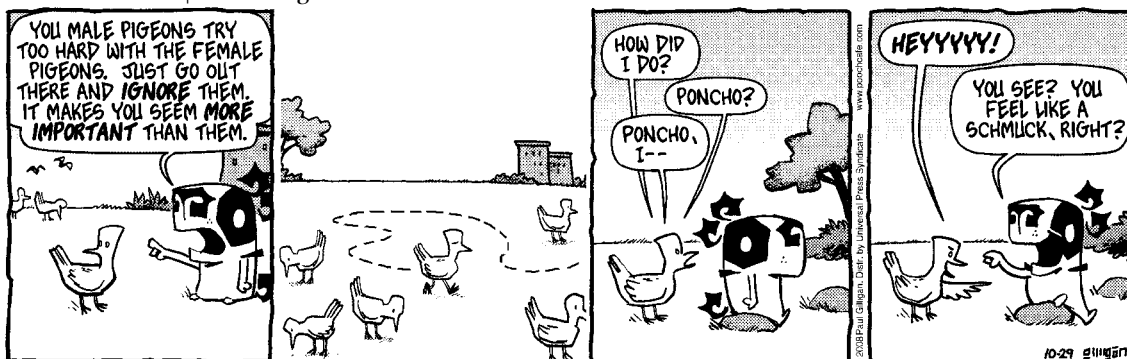
In the years you’ve been performing for the troops, have you seen their opinions changing substantially?

Quite often I will speak with troops away from their friends, and they will tell me how discontented they are with their situation, how much they disagree with the war, and that this is not what they signed up for. More often than not, they’re looking out for their friends and trying to get everyone back to base safely at dinnertime. More and more, discontent seems to be the mood.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Staff writers Ivan Carter and Michael Lee take your questions about what to expect this year from the Wizards at 2 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"He's over here, in the Self-Important Person section."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Pay close attention to the impact your words have on those around you—particularly when young people are listening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take care that others don't take what you say and twist it to suit their own desires. Be sure that others do what you say—exactly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Once you finish one task, you'll want to move on to the next—and so on, throughout the day. There's much to do, and not much time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A relationship problem is likely to be solved before the day is out—thanks to your willingness to admit to a past error and make things right.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are likely to surprise yourself by coming up with a valid and profitable idea at the last minute. No one else expects this, either.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You've been the object of a great deal of attention lately, and someone has you in line for

a promotion perhaps—though you won't hear of it yet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't take a personal slight too seriously. The person who offered the offense did so quite unintentionally, and an overreaction is unnecessary.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The time has come for you—again, perhaps—to concentrate on doing more for your physical and emotional well-being. Take care of yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A question of official policy is likely to arise before the day is out, and you're the only one who will be able to rectify the situation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Focus on doing things in the most creative manner possible. Younger individuals will be inspired when they see you use your imagination.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can expect subtle changes in your personal life to have a major impact, once they are complete, on your professional attitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone you've recently hurt is likely to give you a second chance, so you'll certainly want to be on your best behavior and make amends.



Former senator John Glenn, 77, suits up for his return to space on this day in 1998.

Today in History

1929 "Black Tuesday" descends upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapse amid panic selling and thousands of investors are wiped out as America's Great Depression begins.

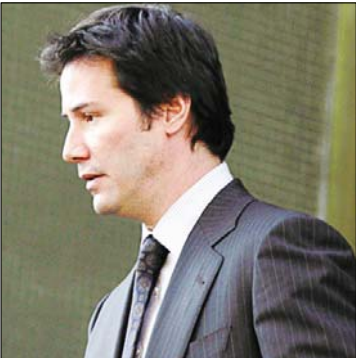
1966 The National Organization for Women is formally organized during a conference in Washington.

1979 On the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters try but

fail to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

1994 A gunman fires more than two dozen shots from a semiautomatic rifle at the White House. (Francisco Martin Duran was later convicted of trying to assassinate President Clinton and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.)

1998 Former senator John Glenn, at age 77, roars back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he'd blazed for America's astronauts 36 years earlier.



He'd thought his Porsche was tame.

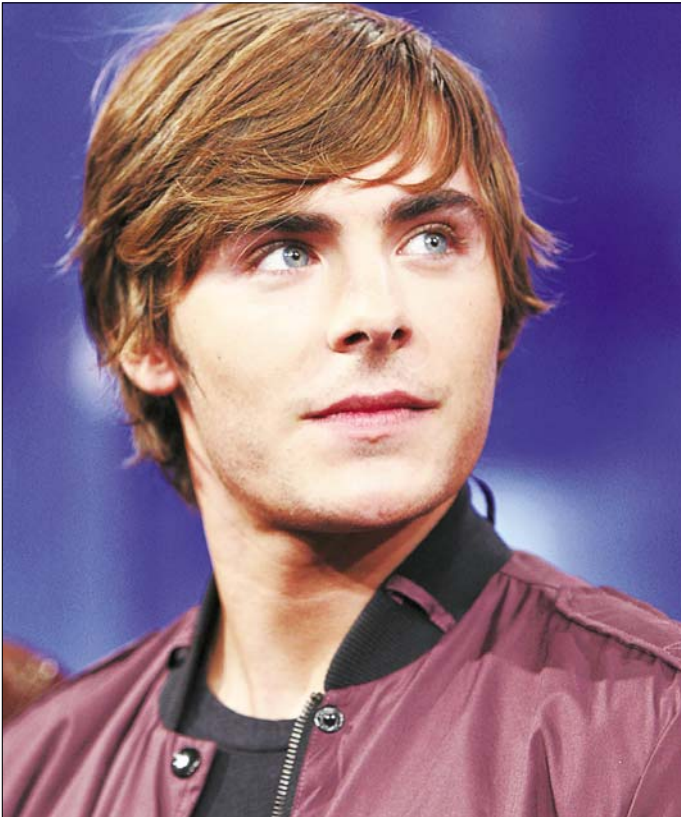
BLAME
Headstrong Porsche Rebels,
Defends Human Master

KEANU REEVES says he slowly moved his Porsche forward to get a photographer to move but never hit him. Reeves testified Tuesday about a night in March 2007 on which a photographer claims the actor seriously injured him with his car. (AP)

MEDICINE
Cool Transplant
Is Rejected by Host



JANET JACKSON has lost her opening act: LL Cool J. The rapper's publicity firm announced Monday that he has dropped out as the headliner for Jackson because of unnamed scheduling conflicts. (AP)



CASTING
Zefron Cuts Loose

Paramount Pictures is fast-tracking the ZAC EFRON-starring "Footloose," Variety reported. Production will begin next spring. Efron is rumored to have, according to Variety, a "mid-seven-figure salary" and script approval. "High School Musical 3" director Kenny Ortega will helm the new film. (EXPRESS)

SALVATION
Oprah Celebrates
100th Public Forgiving

Disgraced track star MARION JONES will give her first post-prison interview to OPRAH WINFREY. Jones' appearance on Wednesday's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" is to be her first interview since she was released Sept. 5 from a Texas fed-



Oprah rivals only God in granting forgiveness.

eral prison after completing most of her six-month sentence for lying about steroid use. Jones tells Winfrey that it wasn't difficult for her to return the three gold medals she won in 2000. She says "it's the memory that will be tarnished." (AP)

REDHEADS
Conan O'Brien
Already Had a Stalker

An Austrian woman accused of stalking "CSI: Miami" star DAVID CARUSO is being sought on an international arrest warrant, and officials said Tuesday she could be hiding in Mexico. The woman allegedly sent



more than 100 letters to the actor and sent death threats when he refused to give her an autograph. The woman was charged with stalking and threatening to kill Caruso. (AP)

MODELS IN COURT
Actually More Boring Than
Christie Brinkley's Divorce

Model CAROL ALT has testified on her own behalf in a lawsuit over disputed earnings that she brought against her ex-husband, former hockey player Ron Greschner. Alt says she's owed at least a million dollars. Greschner has said he doesn't owe money. (AP)

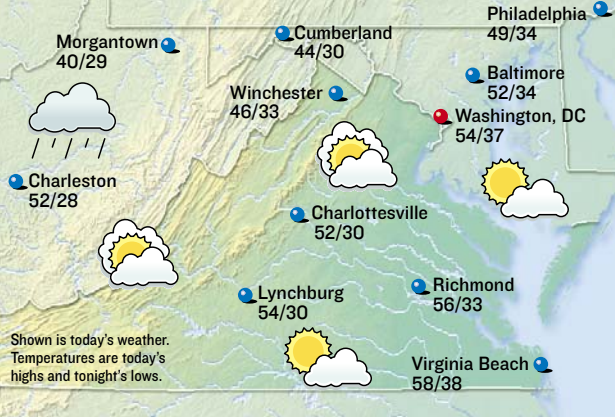


Carol Alt was once very famous.

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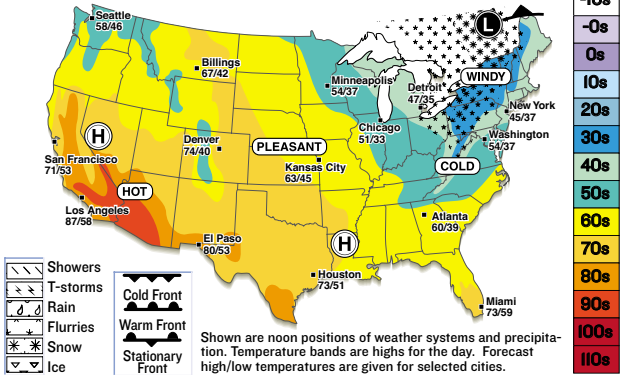
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Moonrise today 8:19 a.m.
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National Weather for Wednesday, October 29



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Boston	48/36/pc	52/36/s
Chicago	51/33/s	60/45/s
Dallas	73/53/s	77/61/s
Denver	74/40/s	75/37/s
Honolulu	85/74/pc	84/72/pc
Los Angeles	87/58/s	79/60/pc
Miami	73/59/pc	78/68/pc
New York City	45/37/pc	53/39/s
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World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	47/35/pc	47/39/r
Athens	71/65/c	80/67/c
Berlin	43/37/c	41/36/r
Buenos Aires	68/54/pc	72/54/s
Calgary	65/39/pc	45/29/c
Dublin	45/37/r	45/36/sh
Geneva	46/38/sh	39/32/sn
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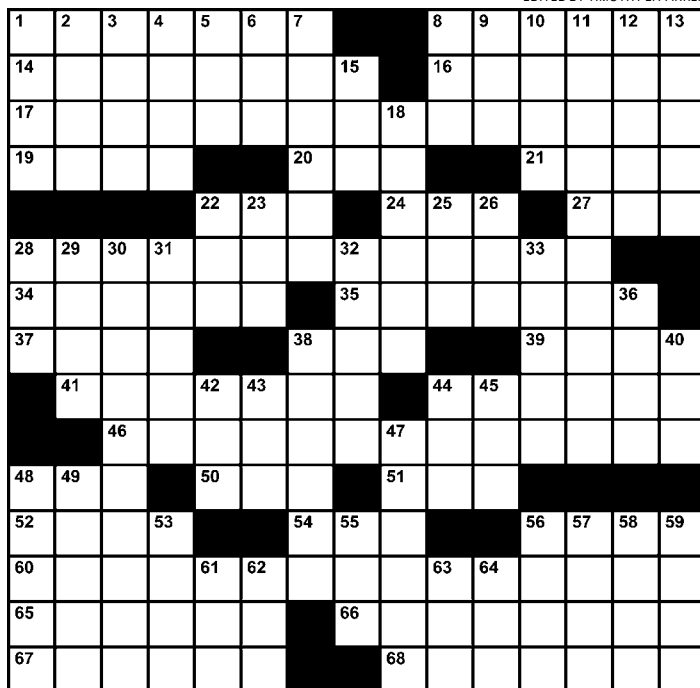
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34 They may arouse you
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37 Carmela portrayer on "The Sopranos"
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4 ___-en-scene (stage setting)
5 Teacher's favorite
6 "It ___" (dramatic self-introduction)
7 Tax checks?
8 "___ making myself clear?"
9 Mohawk-sporting actor
10 "___ helpless as a kitten up a tree"
11 Attended to a final detail
12 Type of weasel
13 Civil wrongs
15 Mosh ___ (rock concert area)
18 Baseball's Iron Horse
22 Do a sewing task
23 Sorrowful cries
25 Perfect test paper marking
26 ___-de-sac
28 Sallie ___ (loan org.)
29 Ye-Shoppe link
30 Like games that go into overtime
31 Krispy ___ Doughnuts
32 "___ to a Kill" (Bond film)
33 Under, in poetry
36 Spotted
38 eBay transaction, perhaps



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40 Where the Knicks play, initially
42 ___ chi (martial art form)
43 B&O et al.
44 Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet
45 ___-fi
47 "Ready when you are!"
48 Wreck beyond repair
49 Yellowish earth tone
53 Auction caveat

55 The elected
56 Melt together
57 Switch addition?
58 ___ Records (comedy label)
59 Minor quarrel
61 Time of anticipation
62 Neckline cut
63 Traveler's discount gp.
64 "I Have a Dream" monogram

Yesterday's Solution



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7	2	4	1	3	6	8	9	5
6	9	8	5	4	7	3	2	1
3	1	5	2	8	9	7	6	4
9	3	1	7	5	8	6	4	2
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2	5	3	6	1	4	9	7	8

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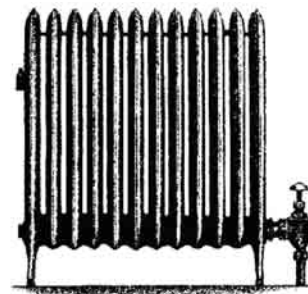


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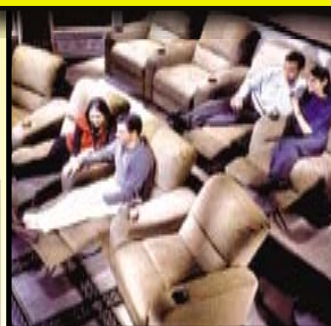


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